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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS

SUBJ: ICCS BUDGET

REFS: A. STATE 116292; B. SAIGON 7494

1. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY HAS PRESENTED DEPARTMENT WITH  
BILL FOR DOLS 1.5 MILLION, FOR " SUPPORT PROVIDED THE  
ICCS". NAVY OFFICIALS TELL US THEY INFORMED BY SAIGON  
THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD REIMBURSE THEM FOR ALL SUCH  
SUPPORT. DAO SAID TO HAVE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION.

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2. STATE BELIEVES THAT EXPENDITURES BY U. S. MILITARY SERVICES FOR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FURNISHED BY ICCS SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF REIMBURSEMENT BY OTHER USG AGENCIES. INSTEAD THEY SHOULD BE ABSORBED BY THE SERVICES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. SUCH EXPENDITURES SHOULD GENERALLY NOT BE CHARGED TO ICCS SINCE WE VIEW THESE COSTS AS INCURRED IN CONTEXT OF WINDING UP OUR MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN VIET- NAM WAR. WE HAVE NOT YET FORMED A VIEW AS TO WHETHER ICCS BUDGET SHOULD BE SOURCE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN LINE ITEMS FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR EXCEPTIONAL REASONS.

3. WE LACK CLEAR INFORMATION ON THIS WHOLE AREA OF SERVICES AND OTHER SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE ICCS BY VARIOUS USG AGENCIES. WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE CABLED STATUS REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT, WITH FOLLOW- ON AIRGRAM PROVIDING FULL DETAILS. INTER ALIA, REQUEST YOU ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

( A) WHAT DOES NAVY BILL CITED ABOVE COVER? DOES NAVY BILL INCLUDE COST OF SERVICES OF U. S. PERSONNEL ( WHO WOULD BE ON USG PAYROLL ANYWAY) OR ONLY COST EXCLUSIVELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO ICCS E. G. EQUIPMENT FURNISHED?

( B) HAVE SIMILAR BILLS BEEN PRESENTED TO ICCS BY U. S. ARMY, AIR FORCE AND USAID?

( C) ARE ANY OF FOREGOING CHARGES INCLUDED IN THE FORMAL ACCOUNTING WE UNDERSTAND IS BEING KEPT BY PA AND E? HAS THIS ACCOUNTING BEEN PRESENTED TO ICCS? IF SO, PLEASE SEND US A COPY.

( D) HAS THERE BEEN AN AUDIT OF SUCH CHARGES AS THE NAVY BILL ( E. G. BY PA AND E) TO DETERMINE THEIR REASONABLENESS?

( E) HAS ICCS AGREED TO REIMBURSE USG FOR WHATEVER ARTICLES AND SERVICES ARE REPRESENTED BY NAVY BILL AND SIMILAR CHARGES -- I. E. HAVE " MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TERMS" BEEN ARRIVED AT OR IS FUTURE CONTROVERSY LIKELY TO ARISE IN THE EVENT WE ATTEMPT TO COLLECT? WHAT IS TOTAL  
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OF POTENTIAL REIMBURSEMENT?

( F) HAVE ALL AMOUNTS OWED BY ICCS TO USG BEEN INCLUDED IN ICCS 43 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET?

4. AS INDICATED REF A, IF 43 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET TOTAL WERE A VALID FIGURE, WE WOULD ESTIMATE THE BALANCE

DUE ON USG 10 MILLION DOLLAR (23 PERCENT) CONTRIBUTION  
FOR 14- MONTH PERIOD IN QUESTION WOULD BE ABOUT 8 MILLION  
DOLLARS. THAT IS, THIS WOULD BE THE AMOUNT WE WOULD  
HAVE TO SEEK FROM THE CONGRESS FOR INITIAL FOURTEEN  
MONTH PERIOD. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE, WE  
BELIEVE THAT MOST OF U. S. MILITARY SERVICES EXPENDITURES  
WHICH MIGHT NOW BE INCLUDED IN ICCS BUDGET TOTAL OF  
43 MILLION DOLLARS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM ICCS BUDGET.  
REQUEST YOU INFORM US SOONEST WHAT TOTAL ICCS BUDGET FOR  
PERIOD IN QUESTION WOULD BE AFTER DELETION OF THESE  
CHARGES BY U. S. MILITARY SERVICES SO THAT WE CAN  
CALCULATE CORRECT LEVEL OF USG FUNDING TO BE REQUESTED  
FROM CONGRESS. ROGERS

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